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The Plumas National Forest is soliciting competitive offers for the Emigrant Stewardship contract. This sale is located within the Mount Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest in Plumas County, California directly southwest of Taylorsville on the China Grade Road. The legal location is: Sec 3, 4, 9 and 10, T.25 N., R.10E., MDBM. Sealed "Best Value" offers will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971 at 10:00 AM local time on April 16, 2015, for an estimated sawlog volume of 69.97 CCF (35.72 MBF) of ponderosa pine, 48.46 CCF (23.35 MBF) of sugar pine, 820.06 CCF (420.68 MBF) of white fir, 354.58 CCF (178.01 MBF) of Douglas fir, and 57.51 CCF (24.69 MBF) of incense cedar, totaling 1,350.6 CCF (682.45 MBF) for harvest and removal. There is an estimated volume of biomass (whole trees 3" – 9.9" DBH and sawlog tops) of 828 CCF or 3,733 green tons for harvest, chipping and removal. There are three Payments Units for both sawlog and biomass totaling 150.97 acres. Ten (10) group selection units, which total 10.4 acres, are imbedded in and are included in the area of the Payment Units. There is one Mandatory Stewardship Work Item (Unit #1 - 13.0 acres) and one Optional Stewardship Work Item (Unit #2 – 18.0 acres) for chainsaw thinning, bucking and piling of nonsawlog size trees and dead surface fuels, and the covering of piles for Forest Service burning. The contract Payment Unit boundaries are established on the ground by orange tracer paint. The imbedded group selection unit boundaries are established with pink tracer paint. All sawlog size trees (10" – 29.9" DBH) are designated for cutting by blue tracer paint.

The Forest Service will evaluate competitive offers submitted by offerors who present a price offer and technical proposal according to the information found under the section in the offer titled "Instructions to Offerors." Evaluation factors for this project are organizational experience, organizational past performance, local community economic enhancement (including small business enhancement), understanding the Government's requirements, and price. One award will be made to the offeror whose proposal is technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the "best value" to the Government. The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all offers. A prospectus is available to the public and interested offerors from the offices listed below. Information concerning the timber and stewardship projects specific to this project, and submission of offers is available to the public from the District Ranger, Mount Hough Ranger District, 39696 Hwy 70, Quincy, California 95971 or the Forest Supervisor, 159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, California 95971.

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